

Admission requirements

On this page, you will find important details of the application process (such as deadlines, admission requirements, required documents and application assessment) for the master's programme in Forensics, Criminology and Law for the *academic year 2024-2025*.

Important deadlines for this study programme

*The master's programme in Forensics, Criminology and Law starts in September.
The deadlines below are applicable for applying for a start in September 2024.*

When you want to apply or are applying for this study programme, it is important that you inform yourself of the deadlines that you need to meet. The important deadlines when applying for this study programme are provided in the table below.

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Date	What you need to know about this date
1 October 2023	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2024-2025
Up to and including 1 May 2024, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for non-EU/EEA applicants (these applicants require a visa or residence permit)
Up to and including 1 June 2024, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for applicants from the EU/EEA or Switzerland

General requirements: previous education

The admission requirements for academic year 2024/25 for the master's programme in Forensics, Criminology and Law depend on your previous education. Please check below which requirements apply to you.

Graduates from a Dutch or Belgian university bachelor's or master's programme in Criminology

You qualify for admission to the master's programme in Forensics, Criminology and Law.
No extra requirements apply to you.

Graduates from an acknowledged university bachelor's or master's programme in Law

You qualify for admission to the master's programme in Forensics, Criminology and Law if you have a university bachelor's degree in Law. Most European academic law programmes, as well as a number of non-European Law programmes, give direct access to the master's programme in Forensics, Criminology and Law. The master coordinator has a final say in relation to your eligibility. An introductory course in criminology, forensic psychiatry, forensic psychology or psychology and law is recommended.

Graduates from other university bachelor's or master's programmes

If you have another educational background, it is up to the master coordinator to decide whether your academic background is suitable, and your motivation sufficient, for participation in the master's programme in Forensics, Criminology and Law.

Pre-master's programme in Law

Does your bachelor's degree not qualify you for direct admission to a master's programme in Law? Then you can apply for the pre-master's programme in Law. This is a preparation programme for students with a university of applied sciences (hbo) or research university bachelor's degree who want to pursue a university master's degree at the UM Faculty of Law but are not eligible for direct admission to our English-taught programmes.

[Read more about the pre-master Law](#)

Additional requirements

Language requirements for English-language master programmes

As English is the language of instruction in this study programme, it is essential that your English language skills are good enough for you to undertake intensive and challenging academic courses that are taught and examined in English.

Answer the questions below to find out if you meet the language requirements.

Do you hold a bachelor's or master's degree in which English was the sole language of instruction?

YesNoUndo

Applicants who received their previous education in a non-EU/EEA country (handling fee)

Applicants applying for this study programme who received their previous education in a non-EU/EEA country will have to pay a handling fee. More information on this handling fee and how to arrange this payment can be found on the [Handling fee page](#).

Documents required for application process

During the application process for this study programme, you will need to complete a number of tasks for which you will often have to upload documents. The list below gives you an insight into what documents you will (and might) need to prepare.

Required documents for all applicants to this study programme

A recent portrait picture

This picture must satisfy certain [requirements](#).

A copy of your valid passport or your EU/EEA identity card

Make a copy of the page with your personal details. Save this copy as 'passport copy' and not as 'passport picture'.

A copy of your most recent certified grades transcript and a copy of your certified diploma if you have obtained it.

If you have not graduated yet, you can upload your official grades transcript from your bachelor's programme

- **Letter of motivation**

All candidates must write a well-prepared and structured letter of motivation for this specific master's programme. The letter should explain your motivation for choosing this specific master's programme. It should also include an overview of what you intend to learn and how this programme fits into your future professional plans. The letter must be dated and addressed to the Board of Admissions of the Faculty of Law.

- **Documents that demonstrate your proficiency in English**

Answer the questions concerning language requirements under 'Language requirements for English-language master programmes' on this webpage to find out if you need to provide additional documentation. The outcome of your answers will indicate which documents you can use to prove your proficiency.

Please note: all documents must be in Dutch, English or German.

How do we assess your application?

When you want to apply or are applying to this study programme, it is useful to know how we assess your application. You can find more information about this in this section.

For this master's programme selection takes place on the basis of your quality and suitability. For this your motivation and your academic experience are important.

Note: only complete applications will be assessed. We therefore recommend that you adhere to the deadlines provided in the table under 'Important deadlines for this study programme' on this page. We strive to assess your application and communicate the result to you within three to four weeks.